

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for August 17:

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake –Whether you are boating for one day or multiple days, you should always file a float plan with details about where you are heading and when you expect to return. This information helps search and rescue crews in the event of an emergency.

Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller suggests the following float plan tips. For shorter daytime outings, a verbal float plan may be sufficient. At a minimum:

- Contact a responsible person who is not going on the trip, such as a close friend or relative, and provide them with your float plan.
- Leave a telephone number of the local rescue authorities that should be contacted if you are overdue.
- If you plan to extend your time on the water, be sure to let your contact person know before your float plan expires. This avoids unnecessary contact of rescue authorities.

For extended outings, a written float plan is warranted. This plan should include:

- Description of the vessel, including make, size, color, bow number, and marine band call sign.
- Trip itinerary of where you are going with a detailed description of route and intended camping spots.
- List providing number of passengers, names, addresses, and contact information for each passenger in case of an emergency.
- The license plate number and description of the tow vehicle and trailer.

For more boating safety information or to take a safe boating course, visit stateparks.utah.gov. Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

September 8 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Stargazing with Telescopes: Join Bryce Canyon Astronomy volunteers for an evening of stargazing! Take a tour of the galaxy by telescope and discover the universe. Meet at the Lake View Group Site at 8 p.m. Dress for cool weather. (435) 826-4466

September 10 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Sunset Hike: Experience the magic of a colorful canyon country sunset on a guided hike to the Petrified Forest. Bring a camera and your sense of adventure! Meet at the visitor center at 7 p.m. (435) 826-4466

September 11 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Trail Work Day: Help work on the trails of Dutch Hollow starting at 9 a.m. Projects include rerouting trails, adding and fixing water bars and pruning back. Meet at the Dutch Hollow Trailhead just off River Road in Midway. (435) 654-1791

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